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Letter dated 17 October 2014 from the Permanent Representative of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to refer to the panel discussion on the human rights situation in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea co-organized by the Permanent Missions of Australia, Botswana and Panama and some non-governmental organizations, to be held on Wednesday, 22 October 2014, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber at United Nations Headquarters.

This discussion, which will feature a statement by the former Chair of the United Nations commission of inquiry on human rights in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Michael Kirby, and testimonies of so-called "former North Korean political prisoners and refugees", is totally provocative and politically motivated, with an aim of distorting the reality of the human rights situation in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

In particular, providing a conference room at United Nations Headquarters for a provocative event targeted at an individual Member State is an act of inciting confrontation and conflict within the United Nations, because the discussion in question is plotted through the ill intention of some Member States to obscure the reality of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and its righteous position and, furthermore, to bring down the social system chosen by its people.

The politicalization, selectivity and double standards of abusing human rights for a sinister political purpose should never be allowed.

The Democratic People's Republic of Korea will decisively frustrate the persistent anti-DPRK "human rights" campaign of the hostile forces and continue to make its utmost efforts to firmly defend its socialist system and provide better conditions for the people's enjoyment of human rights.

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I should be grateful if you would have the present letter circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 68 (c).

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